

**IN THE CLAIMS**

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Claim 2 (previously amended)

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Claims 46-48 (cancelled)

Claim 49 (previously amended)

Claim 50 (original)

Claim 51 (new)

Claim 52 (new)

Claim 53 (new)

Claim 54 (new)

Kindly add new claims 51 – 54 as follows:

51. The chip receptacle of claim 38 wherein the chip receptacle is a recess generally conforming to a shape of a perimeter of a chip for accommodating a chip, said sensor having a member protruding through an opening at a bottom of the recess for sensing weight of a chip in said recess.

52. The chip receptacle of claim 51 wherein said receptacle has an extended finger-receiving portion to facilitate removal of a chip from said recess.

53. The chip receptacle of claim 38 wherein said chip receptacle has a plurality of recesses each for receiving a chip,

31 said weighing sensor comprising a plurality of sensor members provided for each of said recesses to determine a chip weight of a chip in each recess.

54. A chip receptacle according to claim 38 further comprising:  
means for operating said sensor at periodic intervals during a play of a game  
and  
means for providing an alert signal when a difference between two successive weighings is greater than a given value.